

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Invites Public to Participate in "The Future of Lakeforest" Virtual Public Forums

Gaithersburg, MD (October 19, 2020) The City of Gaithersburg is gathering public input regarding an update to the Lakeforest Master Plan. In addition to an <u>online survey</u> that is available through November 6, the City is holding six virtual <u>public forums</u>, each lasting two hours and limited to 30 attendees. The sessions take place on Thursday, October 29 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 5 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Each public forum session will begin with a brief presentation followed by a discussion spurred by three questions including: what do you value most for a Lakeforest development; what ways can redevelopment support social equity, diversity and sustainability efforts; and, what would you consider a "successful" redevelopment project and how long would you wait to achieve the success?

Please only register for and attend one of the six forums to allow for maximum participation. The forums will be recorded and posted to the <u>Future of Lakeforest Project Page</u>. Opinions and viewpoints should relate to the questions posed, focused on the Lakeforest Master Plan effort. Review the forum guidelines and register to participate <u>here</u>.

Explore background material about the Master Plan process in general and the Lakeforest property in particular on our comprehensive <u>Project Page</u>. It contains videos, maps, demographic data and more. As the City moves through the various stages of the Master Plan Amendment process, updates will be made on a regular basis. Please e-mail questions and comments to <u>lakeforestmp@gaithersburgmd.gov</u>.